CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

February meeting

When: 7 p.m., Feb. 16 , 2011
Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr.,, Westerville
Speaker: Jeff Cranston
Topic: Gettysburg

January presentation

Dan Rich gave a learned talk on collecting and grading Buffalo nickles, with a great grading test. One coin with a CAC sticker drew some attention, showing once again that grading services serve a purpose, but that a smart collector buys the coin and not the holder.

Dan says professional graders spend just 7 seconds on each coin.

February presentation

Jeff Cranston will talk about Gettysburg and the 1995 Civil War Prestige Set with the Civil War Battlefield Commemorative Silver Dollar

Raffle

Danny Remeta won the raffle, a "superb" 1783 1/2 real from the El Cazador shipwreck. It was a flashy, interesting coin that attracted a lot of attention.

Dues

They're due. Pay at the meeting or mail your $15 or $21 check to the Dublin address above.

Board of Directors

Gary Heberline, John Roberts and Evan Brill were nominated for another term on the board.

50/50 Jackpot

Heath MacAlpine wasn't present to collect the $42 jackpot so it rolls over.

Media stars

The Dayton -Kettering Coin Club took video of three prominent dealers giving their impressions of the current coin market. Interviews with Evan Brill, Jim Huffman, and Dan Rich are posted on the club's YouTube page. You can access the videos with the following links:

Evan Brill: http://www.youtube.com/user/DayKettCoin#p/a/u/2/CBlR7OBAnA0

Jim Huffman: http://www.youtube.com/user/DayKettCoin#p/a/u/0/sq9Gu3FaXOY

Dan Rich: http://www.youtube.com/user/DayKettCoin#p/a/u/1/c4P2k6_gTjM

Membership

Eight new members were voted in at the January meeting, giving CONA a total membership of 149.

Auction

Lots: Send March lots to Steve Barnett - sbarnet5@columbus.rr.com - by March. 7.

Dan's show

When: Feb. 20, March 20, April 17
Where: Makoy Center, 5462 Center, Hilliard

Historian's request

If any of you can help with your back records/ Memories ..... I need the following for the club history:

1. Officers of the club during the years of 1998,1999,2000. 2002, and 2004.

2. Share hard copies of minutes or Newsletters for the above dates.

3. Any and all records you might have would greatly contribute to the club History.

Thanks, Ed

Imports

This week (early Jan), the State Department has decided to restrict the import of certain "Italian Type Coins" i.e. ALL Roman Republican coins from before 200 BC, ALL Greek types from Magna Graecia and Sicily and some other types. The only legal way to import them is with an Italian sponsored certificate to prove that the coins left Italy before Jan 11, 2011 with proof that the coins were not illegally obtained. This applies to ANY coins imported, no matter from which country they originated. i.e. One cannot legally buy these coins from dealers from any other country without these "proofs". This is a unilateral decision by the State Department, in violation of all past agreements that excluded coins, that literally makes ownership of these coins illegal in the United States, since Italy has not yet made such certificates available, and may not ever make them available. Dealers in other countries will not abide, since this agreement only applies to the United States. Any other country can still legally purchase these coins from Italy, but the Italian government asked for such agreement against the US only.

I would urge that ALL collectors protest this action and contact their representatives and senators to urge them to change this discriminatory action.

--- John Rieske

Speakers

Feb. - Jeff Cranston - Gettysburg Commem.

March - Richard Berntsen - Tokens - The Larkin Soap Co., Buffalo, NY

April - ~~open~~ Tony Cass

May - open

June - Charles Caldwell - 12 Ceasars

July - Ed Hilbert - History of the Club

Aug. - no speaker needed

Sept. - Steve P. - Seated Dollars

Oct. - open

Nov. - Jeff Cranston - Kitty Hawk Commem.

Dec. - Christmas dinner

If you would like to make a presentation, please contact Charles or Gerry.

Encased cents and wooden nickels

At our January meeting the club members present voted unanimously to order 500 + encased cents (500 2011-dated coins and an undetermined number of 1906 -- our founding date -- and 1911 cents) and 1,500 wooden nickels.

The 1906 and 1911 coins will be sold at a higher price and used as prizes at our show raffle. Dave Percy is looking for donations of 1906 and 1911 cents for the project.

Here is a rundown of costs:

Encased cents: the minimum order is 300 of any one size and the price is $417.50, which includes ONE obverse die. A custom reverse die is an additional $225, which we would need. Any additional encased cents above three hundred would cost 60 cents each. An order for 500 would cost $762.50, plus the initial cost of the coins as well as $12.95 shipping.

Wooden nickels: 1,500 for $182.10.

If we sold the entire order of 500 encased cents at $2 each for $1,000, that would enable us to just about break even on the combination of 500 encased cents and 1,500 wooden nickels. We would give the wooden nickels away as show advertising.

My suggestion is that we consider doing the 500 2011 cents (and offer them for sale at $2 each), and in addition to those, a limited number of 1906 Indian Cents (or 1911 Lincolns) that we can accumulate from members for either club raffle prizes (at the show) or higher priced sales (say, $5). -- David Percy

Lincoln seminar

Longtime CONA member Wendell Wolka is among the presenters at the upcoming Central States Numismatic Society seminar on Lincoln and coins in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on April 2

Fred Reed and Charles Daugherty, will also be speaking.

The daylong seminar includes breakfast and lunch. Cost is $10 for Central States members and $20 (with $10 going to membership) for non-members.

Send reservations to Ray Lockwood, CSNS education director, at sunrayofmarion@aol.com